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SUBJECT: 7TH SPECIAL SESSION: GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY

INDIAN FONMIN CHAVAN

1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN CALLED FOR CONFRONTATION OF THE PROBLEMS AND NOT OF COUNTRIES. HE URGED THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COOPERATE MORE AMONG THEMSELVES AND ALSO THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MAKE A GREATER EFFORT. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION WAS TO SET IN MOTION THE PROCESS OF CHANGE AS ESTABLISHED BY THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION, WITH STRESS ON INFLUENCING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TOWARD COOPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE CREATION OF NEGOTIATING MECHANISMS FOR FINDING AGREED SOLUTIONS.  
END SUMMARY.

2. INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN ADDRESSED THE 7TH SPECIAL

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SESSION ON 2 SEPTEMBER. HE STATED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER DEPENDS UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF INTERDEPENDENCE, COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY, EQUAL SHARING OF DECISION-MAKING ON PATTERNS OF CHANGE, AND RECOGNITION OF SECTORAL INTER-DEPENDENCE AS A BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT. WHILE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESTS WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHANGES IN GLOBAL STRUCTURES RESTS WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE SAID "THERE HAS BEEN A GROWING AWARENESS IN MOST OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD THAT IT IS IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS TO ACCEPT A NEW RE-ORDERING OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMY," BUT ACCEPTANCE ALONE WILL NOT HELP THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES VERY MUCH.

3. CHAVAN SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN BUILT ON TWO MAIN PILLARS, AID AND TRADE. AID IS BEGINNING TO SHRINK IN REAL TERMS, AND PRICES OF MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRY EXPORTS ARE DEPRESSED WHILE COSTS OF IMPORTS HAVE RISEN. THERE IS A NEED TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE AREA OF COMMODITY TRADE. HE CALLED FOR POLITICAL AGREEMENT ON AN INTEGRATED APPROACH AND THE REMOVAL OF TRADE BARRIERS, TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF ON MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

4. HE SAID THAT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS IS NEEDED AND, IN THIS CONTEXT, NOTED THE UNBEARABLY HEAVY DEBT BURDEN OF MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE ALSO CALLED FOR FOLLOW-UP TO THE INITIATIVES OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

5. CHAVAN URGED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER, BREAKING AWAY FROM THE COLONIAL PATTERN OF DEALING WITH EACH OTHER THROUGH A DEVELOPED PARTNER. NEW MECHANISMS SHOULD BE CREATED TO PROMOTE THIS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS.

6. HE SAID THAT TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS OFTEN ACT IN A WAY DETERIMENTAL TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THUS REQUIRE GREATER REGULATION.

7. TURNING TO THE INDIAN DOMESTIC SCENE, HE SAID THAT THE COUNTRY FACES GRAVE PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY THE RISING COSTS  
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OF MANUFACTURED GOODS, FOOD, AND FUEL, WHILE THE PRICES OF INDIA'S EXPORTS HAVE NOT INCREASED CORRESPONDINGLY. INDIA HAS TAKEN STEPS TO DEAL WITH THIS, BUT INTERNAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE ARE VITAL.

8. CHAVAN CONCLUDED BY DESCRIBING THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AS THE SETTING IN MOTION OF THE PROCESS OF CHANGE AS ESTABLISHED IN THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION, WITH STRESS

PLACED ON INFLUENCING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TOWARD COOPERATION  
WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THE CREATION OF NEGOTIATING  
MECHANISMS FOR FINDING AGREED SOLUTIONS. "A NEW INTERNATIONAL  
ECONOMIC ORDER CAN EMERGE ONLY FROM MULTIPLE NEGOTIATIONS  
AIMED AT REACHING BINDING COMMITMENTS."

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